

**REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING OF  
MINNOWS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Under the authority of section 48730 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 324.48730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on January 11, 2007, ordered that the following waters are open to the taking of minnows for commercial purposes:

1. The Great Lakes and their connecting waters (including Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, and St. Clair, and the St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit Rivers) except that, the following waters are closed to the taking of minnows for commercial purposes:
  - a. That portion of Tawas Bay of Lake Huron lying between the projections of Wadsworth and Church streets of East Tawas for a distance of 900 feet out from the water's edge.
  - b. In those waters of Lake Superior west of Big Bay Point, Marquette County.
2. All non-trout streams except that the following non-trout streams are closed to the taking of minnows for commercial purposes:
  - a. All non-trout streams within the boundaries of the Grayling Sports Park in Crawford County.
  - b. All non-trout streams within the boundaries of the Palms Book State Park in Schoolcraft County.
  - c. All non-trout streams tributary to Lake Superior for 1/2 mile above mouth.
3. All inland lakes except that, the following inland lakes are closed, as indicated, to the taking of minnows for commercial purposes:
  - a. Lakes closed year around:
    - A. Gun Lake in Allegan and Barry Counties.
    - B. Lake Leelanau in Leelanau County.
    - C. Cedar Lake in Alcona and Iosco Counties.
    - E. Lake Bellaire and Clam Lake in Antrim County.
    - F. Torch Lake in Antrim and Kalkaska Counties.
    - G. All lakes within the boundaries of the Grayling Sports Park in Crawford County.
    - H. All lakes within the boundaries of Palms Book State Park in Schoolcraft County.
    - I. Birch Lake in Cass County.
    - J. Black Lake and tributaries in Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties.
    - K. Portage Lake, Torch Lake and the North and South Portage Canals and their tributaries in Houghton County for 1/2 mile above mouth.
    - L. Big Glen Lake in Leelanau County.
  - b. Lakes closed from May 15 through September 15:
    - A. Higgins Lake in Roscommon County.
    - B. Lake Margrethe and K.P. Lake in Crawford County.
    - C. Tea Lake in Oscoda County.
    - D. Sand Lake in Iosco County.
    - E. Long Lake in Alpena and Presque Isle Counties.
    - F. Grand Lake in Presque Isle County.
4. All trout streams except that, the following trout streams shall be closed to the taking of minnows for commercial purposes:

- a. Intermediate River below the dam at Lake Bellaire, Grass River, and Clam River in Antrim County.
- b. Torch River in Antrim and Kalkaska Counties.
- c. All trout streams within the boundaries of the Grayling Sports Park in Crawford County.
- d. All trout streams within the boundaries of Palms Book State Park in Schoolcraft County.
- e. All trout streams tributary to Lake Superior for ½ mile above mouth.
- f. Hatlem Creek, a tributary to Glen lake, Leelanau County.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Take or attempt to take minnows for commercial purposes from designated trout lakes (under statute, P.A. 451 of 1994, Part 487, as amended, it is unlawful to seine minnows, wigglers and/or crawfish for commercial purposes, from trout streams) with any device other than hook and line, or glass, transparent plastic or wire minnow traps.
2. Take minnows for commercial purposes without submitting a monthly catch report as required by Fisheries Order No. FO-231.
3. Use a minnow seine that contains a bag, trap or pot in its construction.
4. Use a minnow trap more than 24 inches in length and with funnel openings exceeding 1½ inches in diameter.
5. Use a minnow trap that does not bear the name and address of the user, in legible English.
6. Set a minnow trap with wings or leads.

Definitions:

"Minnow Seine" or "Seine" means an elongated net, with sinkers or weights on one edge and floats on the opposite edge, that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose fish when its ends are closed together or pulled to shore.

This order shall be assigned number FO-216.07, and is titled "Regulations for the Taking of Minnows for Commercial Purposes".

This order supersedes the order entitled "Regulations for the Taking of Minnows for Commercial Purposes" effective April 1, 2003 and assigned number FO-216.03.

This order shall take immediate effect and shall remain effective through March 31, 2012.